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SYNOPSIS

Establishes the Troops to College Program in the Commission on Higher Education to assist veterans in making the transition into the college classroom.

CURRENT VERSION OF TEXT

As reported by the Assembly Military and Veterans' Affairs Committee on January 26, 2009, with amendments.

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1 AN ACT establishing the Troops to College Program and
2 supplementing chapter 3B of Title 18A of the New Jersey
3 Statutes.

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5 **BE IT ENACTED** *by the Senate and General Assembly of the State*
6 *of New Jersey:*

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8 1. This act shall be known and may be cited as the “Troops to
9 College Act.”

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11 2. a. The New Jersey Commission on Higher Education, in
12 consultation with the Department of **‘[Veterans’ and Military]**
13 Military and Veterans¹ Affairs, shall establish the Troops to College
14 Program. The purpose of the program shall be to assist New
15 Jersey’s public institutions of higher education in coordinating the
16 provision of a comprehensive array of services to assist veterans in
17 making the transition into the college classroom. The services may
18 include, but need not be limited to, assistance in applying for State
19 and federal student financial aid, counseling resources, a campus
20 veterans’ assistance officer to provide a single point of contact for
21 information on the institution’s benefits and programs for veterans,
22 and an online resource to consolidate pertinent information
23 specifically for veterans attending that institution.

24 b. The commission in implementing the Troops to College
25 Program shall include on its Internet site information to assist
26 veterans in accessing the higher education opportunities that exist in
27 the State. The information shall include, but need not be limited to:

28 (1) contact information for the campus veterans’ assistance
29 officer at each of the public institutions of higher education; and

30 (2) information on the array of programs and services available
31 to veterans at each of the public institutions of higher education.

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33 3. This act shall take effect immediately.

EXPLANATION – Matter enclosed in bold-faced brackets **[thus]** in the above bill is not enacted and is intended to be omitted in the law.

Matter underlined thus is new matter.

Matter enclosed in superscript numerals has been adopted as follows:

¹Assembly AMV committee amendments adopted January 26, 2009.